IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

Regular Second Appeal No.1195 of 2007

Date of Decision: September 21, 2007

State of Punjab and others .....Appellants

Versus

Khushpal Singh and others .....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S. D. ANAND

Present: Mr.Satish Bhanot, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, for the appellants.

Mr.RN Singal, Advocate for respondents No.1 and 2.

S. D. ANAND, J.

For delayed disbursement of the leave encashment amount, the learned Trial Court held the appellants liable to pay interest @ 6% per annum. While affirming that finding on facts, the learned District Judge, Hisar enhanced the rate of interest payable to 18%. Reliance, in support of the view obtained, was placed upon a ruling rendered by the Apex Court in **Vijay L.Malhotra Versus State of Uttar Pradesh**, 2000(2) Labour and Service Judicial Reports, 736.

Learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, appearing on behalf of the appellants, argues that the rate of interest awarded was excessive in nature.

The plea is completely bereft of merit. The learned District

Judge in support of enhancement ordered on point of rate of interest, relied upon a ruling rendered by the Apex Court. Learned State counsel could not cite any ruling rendered by the Apex Court to the contrary.

No question of law, much less substantial in character, arises for determination by this Court. Dismissed.

(S. D. ANAND)
JUDGE

September 21, 2007
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Note: Whether referred to reporter or not? Yes/No